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37 C.F.R. 1.27 STATEMENT OF STATUS AS A SMALL ENTITY

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Dear Sir:

The undersigned attorney of record declares that this application is entitled to "small entity status" as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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